

Remarks

The claims were amended in accordance with the amendments above. The amendments to the claims are being made merely to clarify the invention. All of the amendments are fully supported by the specification, claims, and figures as originally filed. No new matter is believed or intended to be involved.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview with the Examiner on December 12, 2007. The claims were amended as discussed in the interview. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication during the interview that the present amendments would overcome rejections against at least one claim in the pending Office Action. The Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner reserved the right to update his search.

To the extent that the amendments constitute a narrowing of the claims, such narrowing of the claims should not be construed as an admission as to the merits of the prior rejections. Indeed, Applicant traverses the rejections and preserves all rights and arguments.

Based on the foregoing, all pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and an early notice of allowance.

Applicant further notes that the dependent claims include additional limitations not taught or suggested in the art of record, thus forming independent basis for non-obviousness.

Amendments to the Specification

Paragraph [0131] was amended as above for clarity.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 1, 17, 20 and 22 and cited "a identifier". In response thereto, Applicant has changed "a identifier" to "an identifier" in the amended claims

above. Applicant believes the amended claims overcome the Examiners objections, and claims 1, 17, 20, and 22 are now in condition for allowance with respect to the claim objections.

§112 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention. The Examiner cited non-positive limitations such as “may be..” and “if...”.

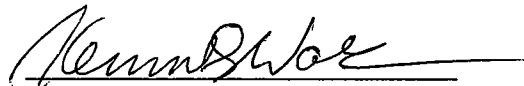
In response thereto, Applicants have amended claims 1-22 for clarity as above. It is the Applicants belief that the amendments overcome the 112 rejections, and the amended claims are now in condition for allowance with respect to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, all pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and an early notice of allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the amendments or arguments made herein, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (513) 651-6889 or via e-mail at kwales@fbtlaw.com.

Since the amendment is being filed within the 3 month response time, no fees are due. However, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment of fees to Frost Brown Todd LLC Deposit Account No. 06-2226.

Respectfully Submitted,

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